

MINUTES
ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
September 15, 2020

52096 The Board of Directors of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California met in Adjourned Regular Meeting on Tuesday, September 15, 2020.

Chairwoman Gray called the Teleconference Meeting to order at 12:21 p.m.

52097 The Meeting was opened with an invocation by Sal Vasquez, Metropolitan Retiree representing the Hispanic Employees' Association.

52098 The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given by Director Butkiewicz.

52099 Board Secretary Abdo administered the roll call. Those responding present were: Abdo, Apodaca, Atwater, Ballin, Blois, Butkiewicz, Cordero, De Jesus, Dick, Faessel, Galleano, Goldberg, Gray, Hawkins, Hogan, Kurtz, Lefevre, McCoy, McKenney, Morris, Murray, Ortega, Peterson, Pressman, Quinn, Quiñonez, Ramos, Record, Smith, Solorio, Tamaribuchi, Treviño, and Williams.

Directors Camacho and Repenning entered the meeting after roll call.

Those not responding were: Directors Ackerman and Kassakhian.

Board Secretary Abdo declared a quorum present.

52100 Chairwoman Gray invited members of the public to address the Board on matters within the Board's jurisdiction.

The following members of the public responded:

	Name	Affiliation	Item
1	Caty Wagner	Sierra Club	Delta Tunnel; Water Rates
2	Charming Evelyn	Sierra Club	Delta Tunnel; Water Rates
3	Conner Everts	Southern California Water Alliance	Water Rates
4	Andrea Grossman	Ratepayer, Los Angeles	Oppose rate increases
5	Name inaudible	Ratepayer, Los Angeles	Delta Tunnel
6	Linda (Last name inaudible)	American Indian Movement	Oppose rate increases

52101 Chairwoman Gray announced her intent to run for reelection for her second term as Chairwoman of Metropolitan’s Board of Directors for the two-year term 2021-2022.

Chairwoman Gray addressed the following Other Matters and Reports for August.

52102 Chairwoman Gray asked if there were any changes to the report of events attended by Directors at Metropolitan’s expense during the month of August as previously posted and distributed to the Board.

No amendments were made.

52103 Chairwoman Gray referred to her monthly report, which was previously posted and distributed to the Board. Chairwoman stated she had nothing to add to her report.

52104 Regarding matters relating to Metropolitan’s operations and activities, General Manager Kightlinger presented the “2019-2020 Year in Review” video created by Metropolitan’s External Affairs Group. He had nothing further to add to his report.

Additional information on the General Manager’s activities may be found in his written monthly report.

52105 General Counsel Scully stated that she had nothing to add to her report at this time.

52106 General Auditor Riss stated that he had nothing to add to his report at this time.

52107 Ethics Officer Salinas stated that he had nothing to add to his report at this time.

52108 Chairwoman Gray called for a vote to approve the Consent Calendar Items 6A, 6B, 7-1, 7-2, 7-3, 7-4, and 7-5 (**M.I. No 52109 through M.I. No 52115**).

Directors Camacho and Reppenning entered the meeting.

The following Directors asked questions or made comments:

	Directors	Comments/Questions
1	Smith	Stated his intent to Abstain on Minutes; and Vote NO on Item 7-2
2	Goldberg	Stated her intent to Abstain on Minutes; and Vote NO on Item 7-2
3	Hogan	Stated his intent to Abstain on Minutes; and Vote NO on Item 7-2
4	Ballin	Stated her intent to Vote NO on Item 7-2
5	Butkiewicz	Stated his intent to Abstain on Minutes; and Vote NO on Item 7-2
6	Morris	Moved Consent Calendar
7	McKenney	Seconded Consent Calendar
8	Quiñonez	Asked a question

Director Morris moved, seconded by Director McKenney, that the Board approve the Consent Calendar Other Items for Action 6A, 6B, 7-1, 7-2, 7-3, 7-4, and 7-5 as follows:

52109 Approval of the Minutes of the Adjourned Meeting for August 18, 2020 (Item 6A).

52110 There were no changes to the Committee Assignments (Item 6B).

52111 Adopt Ordinance No. 151, determining that the interests of Metropolitan require the use of revenue bonds in the aggregate principal amount of \$500 million to finance a portion of Metropolitan's capital expenditures and waive the full reading of Ordinance No. 151, as set forth in Attachment 1, Agenda Item 7-1 board letter. (Two-thirds vote of the Board required)

52112 Adopt the Twenty-Fourth Supplemental Resolution to the Master Bond Resolution authorizing the issuance of up to \$255 million of Water Revenue Bonds, 2020 Series and 2021 Series, and providing the terms and conditions for the sale and issuance of said Water Revenue Bonds; and approve expenditures of approximately \$780,000 for the payment of the costs of issuance of the Water Revenue Bonds to be paid from bond proceeds or Metropolitan funds, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-2 board letter.

A letter dated September 11, 2020, regarding Agenda Item 7-2 was received from San Diego County Water Authority Directors Butkiewicz, Goldberg, Hogan, and Smith, and addressed to Chairwoman Gray; this letter will be made part of the record. The letter was received on Friday, September 11, 2020, at 4:32 p.m.

52113 Award \$13,419,000 contract to J.F. Shea Construction, Inc. to replace the overhead bridge cranes at all five CRA pumping plants; and authorized an agreement with Chamieh Consulting & Industrial Group, Inc. for technical support, in an amount not-to-exceed \$500,000, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-3 board letter.

52114 Express support for Proposition 16, the "Allows Diversity as a Factor in Public Employment, Education and Contracting Decisions" Legislative Constitutional Amendment, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-4 board letter.

52115 Adopt the CEQA determination that the proposed action was addressed in prior environmental documentation; and authorize the General Manager to execute an amendment to the Agreement with DWR to purchase surface water supplies from Yuba County Water Agency consistent with the key terms outlined in Attachment 1 and in a form approved by the General Counsel, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-5 board letter.

The following Director asked a question or made a comment:

1. Apodaca

The following is a record of the vote:

Record of Vote on Consent Items: 6A*, 6B, 7-1, 7-2*, 7-3, 7-4, and 7-5

Member Agency	Total Votes	Director	Present	Yes	Yes Vote	No	No Vote	Abstain	Abstain Vote
Anaheim	5083	Faessel	x	x	5083				
Beverly Hills	3896	Pressman	x	x	3896				
Burbank	2614	Ramos	x	x	2614				
Calleguas Municipal Water District	11162	Blois	x	x	11162				
Central Basin Municipal Water District	16384	Apodaca	x	x	8192				
		Hawkins	x	x	8192				
					Subtotal:				16384
Compton	532	McCoy	x	x	532				
Eastern Municipal Water District	8936	Record	x	x	8936				
Foothill Municipal Water District	2052	Atwater	x	x	2052				
Fullerton	2238	Ortega	x	x	2238				
Glendale	3517	Kassakhian							
Inland Empire Utilities Agency	12645	Camacho	x	x	12645				
Las Virgenes	2649	Peterson	x	x	2649				
Long Beach	5598	Cordero	x	x	5598				
Los Angeles	67972	Murray	x	x	16993				
		Vacant							
		Quinn	x	x	16993				
		Quiñonez	x	x	16993				
		Repenning	x	x	16993				
					Subtotal:				67972
Municipal Water Dist. of Orange County	55013	Ackerman							
		Tamaribuchi	x	x	18338				
		Dick	x	x	18338				
		McKenney	x	x	18338				
					Subtotal:				55013
Pasadena	3395	Kurtz	x	x	3395				
San Diego County Water Authority	56310	Butkiewicz	x	x	14078				
		Goldberg	x	x	14078				
		Hogan	x	x	14078				
		Smith	x	x	14078				
					Subtotal:				56310
San Fernando	216	Ballin	x	x	216				
San Marino	711	Morris	x	x	711				
Santa Ana	2889	Solorio	x	x	2889				
Santa Monica	4199	Abdo	x	x	4199				
Three Valleys Municipal Water District	7535	De Jesus	x	x	7535				
Torrance	3136	Lefevre	x	x	3136				
Upper San Gabriel Valley Mun. Wat.	11544	Treviño	x	x	11544				
West Basin Municipal Water District	22776	Williams	x	x	11388				
		Gray	x	x	11388				
					Subtotal:				22776
Western Municipal Water District	11824	Galleano	x	x	11824				
Total	324826				321309				
Present and not voting									
Absent	3517								

The following Director asked a question or made a comment:

1. Smith

The motion to approve the Consent Calendar Items 6A*, 6B, 7-1, 7-2*, 7-3, 7-4, and 7-5 **(M.I. No 52109 through M.I. No 52115)** passed by 321,309 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstain; 0 not voting; and 3,517 absent.

*Note: Individual vote tallies for votes on Items 6A and 7-2:

Directors Butkiewicz, Goldberg, Hogan, and Smith voted to abstain on Agenda Item 6A; passed by 264,999 ayes; 0 noes; 56,310 abstain; 0 not voting; and 3,517 absent.

Directors Ballin, Butkiewicz, Goldberg, Hogan, and Smith voted NO on Agenda Item 7-2; passed by 264,783 ayes; 56,526 noes; 0 abstain; 0 not voting; and 3,517 absent.

Chairwoman Gray provided remarks expressing support for Agenda Item 7-4.

Chairwoman Gray provided remarks concerning Agenda Item 8-1.

52116 Finance and Insurance Committee Chair Quiñonez moved, seconded by Director Ortega, that the Board approve the following recommended cost-containment measures, as amended, to address the COVID-19 financial impacts for Agenda Item 8-1 board letter:

- a. Continue to track COVID-19 impacts to the member agencies with a focus on retail payment delinquencies. If there is interest from the member agencies, develop a payment deferral program that also exempts penalties or interest for those agencies that record and report significant delinquencies and likewise grant deferrals to their customers. Bring back any deferral program criteria to the Board for review and consideration.
- b. Monitor water demands, sales and expenditures and prepare additional cost-containment measures, as needed, for mid-cycle budget review.
- c. Maintain the current rates adopted by the Board to address the impacts of lower water sales and lower revenues while maintaining current credit ratings.
- d. Include in the mid-year budget review new revenue generation options including through a groundwater replenishment program.
- e. A moratorium on non-emergency, unbudgeted proposals for the remaining part of the fiscal year that have not been anticipated in the budget.

The following Directors asked questions or made comments:

	Directors	Comments/Questions
1	Quiñonez	Moved Committee's Amended recommendation
2	Ortega	Seconded Amended Motion
3	Smith	Acknowledged the letters received from public and Member Agencies re 8-1 (listed below) and made additional comments
4	Record	Commented
5	Pressman	Commented and asked questions
6	Quinn	Commented
7	Quiñonez	Commented

- 8 Ortega Commented
 9 Kurtz Commented
 10 Peterson Commented

San Diego County Water Authority Board Chair Jim Madaffer submitted a letter dated August 31, 2020, regarding Agenda Item 8-1, addressed to Chairwoman Gray, and will be made part of the record. The letter was received on Monday, August 31, 2020, at 9:49 a.m.

The following letters were also submitted in regard to 8-1, and will be made part of the record: Chairwoman Gray submitted a letter dated September 8, 2020, in response to SDCWA Board Chair's August 31, 2020 letter, and SDCWA Board Chair responded submitting a letter dated September 9, 2020, to Chairwoman Gray. SDCWA letter was received on Wednesday, September 9, 2020, at 5:22 p.m.

Additionally, the following external parties submitted correspondence regarding Item 8-1, which will be added to the record:

Correspondence Regarding 9/15/2020 Agenda Item 8-1						
Ref No.	Date Received	Name	Organization	Email	Date Sent to BOD	GM Response
1	9/3/2020	Baricuatro, Rubi	not stated	rubibari4@gmail.com	9/10/2020	Yes
2	9/3/2020	Hardie, James	not stated	James@UALocal230.org	9/10/2020	Yes
3	9/3/2020	Freedman, Michael	city of San Ysidro	michaelf@cox.net	9/10/2020	Yes
4	9/3/2020	Rowten, James	not stated	james@escondidochamber.org	9/10/2020	Yes
5	9/6/2020	Feliciano, Julia	not stated	philadobe@yahoo.com	9/10/2020	Yes
6	9/9/2020	Thorner, Kimberly	General Manager, Olivenhain MWD	atarzi@olivenhain.com	9/10/2020	Yes
7	9/9/2020	Arant, Gary	General Manager, Valley Center MWD	GArant@vcmwd.org	9/10/2020	Yes
8	9/10/2020	Quiram, Carl L	General Manager, San Dieguito WD	cquiram@encinitasca.gov	9/10/2020	Yes
9	9/10/2020	Sanders, Bret	General Manager, Lakeside WD	BrettS@lakesidewater.org	9/10/2020	Yes
10	9/10/2020	Martinez, Jose	General Manager, Otay WD	Tita.Ramos-Krogman@otaywater.gov	9/10/2020	Yes
11	9/10/2020	Wilson, William J Armstrong, Jeffrey D	Board President, Rancho California WD General Manager, Rancho California WD	armstrongj@ranchowater.com	9/10/2020	Yes
12	9/10/2020	Dale, Cari	Water Utilities Director, city of Oceanside	CDale@oceansideca.org	9/10/2020	Yes
13	9/11/2020	Lau, Albert C	General Manager, Santa Fe Irrigation Dist.	kjohnson@sfidwater.org	9/11/2020	Yes
14	9/11/2020	Wilson, Doug Carlisle, Allen	President, Padre Dam MWD CEO, Padre Dam MWD	apederson@padre.org	9/11/2020	Yes
15	9/11/2020	Jazmadarian, Nina Sheilds, Patrick Hunter, Robert J. Goff, Anthony W Jones II, Paul D Pedersen, David W. Litchfield, Matthew H Love, Tom Miller, Craig Barrera, Cesar E	Foothill MWD West Basin MWD Municipal Water District of Orange Co Calleguas MWD Eastern MWD Las Virgenes MWD Three Valleys MWD Upper San Gabriel Valley MWD Western MWD City of Santa Ana	MBaum-Haley@mwdoc.com	9/11/2020	Yes
16	9/11/2020	Hall, Matt	Board President, Carlsbad MWD	Jason.Haber@carlsbadca.gov	9/11/2020	Yes
17	9/11/2020	Bry, Barbara	Council President Pro Tem, San Diego City Council	KhanR@sandiego.gov	9/11/2020	Yes
18	9/14/2020	Gracyk, Mark Verbeke, DeAna R. Scalzitti, Joel A Coates Hedberg, Kathleen McMillian, Daniel H	Board President, Helix Water District Boad Vice President, Helix Water District Director, Helix Water District Director, Helix Water District Director, Helix Water District	michelle.curtis@helixwater.org	9/14/2020	Yes
19	9/14/2020	Dyck, Dorothy L	not stated	dotdyck@cox.net	9/14/2020	Yes
20	9/14/2020	Edwards, Beth	not stated	edwrdsgrfx@aol.com	9/14/2020	Yes
21	9/14/2020	Udrys, Almis	Director, San Diego County Water Auth, and Deputy Chief of Staff, Innovation & Policy Office of Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer	ABerenter@sandiego.gov	9/15/2020	Yes

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The motion to approve Agenda Item 8-1 passed by 321,309 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstain; 0 not voting; and 3,517 absent;

52117 Board Chairwoman Gray asked if there were questions or need for discussion for Board Information Item 9-1. No requests were made.

52118 Human Resources Group Manager Pitman provided a PowerPoint presentation, in open session, on the Department Head Performance Evaluation process. Chairwoman Gray called the meeting into closed session to hear Board Information Item 10-1, the Department Head Performance Evaluations from the individual Department Heads.

Meeting returned to open session at 2:23 p.m. Chairwoman Gray stated that there was no action taken.

52119 Chairwoman Gray asked if there were any follow-up items. No requests were made.

52120 Chairwoman Gray asked if there were any future agenda items. No requests were made.

52121 There being no objection, at 2:24 p.m., Chairwoman Gray adjourned the Meeting.


GLORIA D. GRAY
CHAIRWOMAN


JUDY ABDO
SECRETARY